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BOOK REVIEWS AND NOTICES.

A History of the Baptists of Hill County, by J. C. Daniel. (Waco, 1907, pp. 132.) This little volume gives a brief account of each of the Baptist churches established in Hill County from the earliest days to the present, with short biographical sketches of their preachers and of the laymen most prominent in the church work. The last third of the book is given over to sketches of the various church associations in the county and the State. The book contains a great many illustrations, most of which are well done; the print is clear, the paper fairly good. It should prove helpful to those for whom it is specially written.

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Pioneer History of Wise County (Decatur, Texas, 1907, pp. 471), by Cliff D. Cates. The author of this book is secretary of the Old Settlers' Association of Wise County, and has put together an interesting account of the pioneer and frontier days in what was, until some thirty years ago, a frontier region. The first settlements, the organization of the county, the privations of a new country, social life among the settlers, and numerous Indian raids and massacres make up the most interesting part of the book. A fairly large part is devoted to biographical sketches which, unhappily, are inserted in most haphazard fashion. The story is brought down to the coming of the railroads and a chapter is given to Wise County as it is today. The author has evidently been at some pains to collect his material. The volume is neatly bound and fully illustrated, but lacks an index. It is to be hoped that something of the sort may soon be done for other counties or districts of Texas.

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